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Applicant: Gentry, et al  
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Commissioner of Patents  
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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.111**

Sir:

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed June 29, 2000 (Paper No. 9) (herein referred to as "Office Action"). Applicants respectfully request entry of this Amendment and reconsideration of the application in view thereof.

This Amendment is believed timely filed. Should this Amendment not be considered timely filed, Applicants hereby request a retroactive extension of time to file for the number of months required to maintain pendency of the Application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 50-0258.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> If an Extension of Time, is deemed necessary, please consider this paper a Petition for such an Extension.